

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A fastener adapted to removably mount an object in a mounting aperture of a panel, comprising:
  - 5 a fastener body defining a second aperture configured to accept at least a portion of the object;
  - at least one elastic abutting flange defining an exterior concave portion configured to engage an inner surface of the mounting aperture when the fastener is inserted into the mounting aperture, said elastic abutting flange
  - 10 being disposed between said fastener body and said mounting aperture.
2. The fastener according to Claim 1 wherein said body is defined by a pair of generally parallel side members.
- 15 3. The fastener according to Claim 2 wherein at least one of said side members defines a third aperture configured to allow inward compression of said abutting flange.
4. A fastener according to Claim 3 further comprising a pair of elastic
- 20 abutting flanges.
5. The fastener according to Claim 4 comprising a first pair of finger members configured to slidably accept a portion of the object.
6. The fastener according to Claim 5 further comprising a second
- 25 pair of finger members configured to slidably accept a portion of the object.
7. The fastener according to Claim 5 wherein said body defines a centerline and said first pair of finger members engage said centerline at between 15° and 20°.

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8. The fastener according to Claim 6 wherein said body defines a centerline and said second pair of fingers engage said centerline at an angle between about 50° and about 60°.

5 9. The fastener according to Claim 7 wherein said body defines a centerline and said second pair of fingers engage said centerline at between about 50° and about 60°.

10 10. A U-shaped fastener adapted to be removably mounted within an aperture of a panel comprising:

a body defining a pair of generally parallel members, said parallel members being coupled by a curved end member;

15 a pair of abutting flanges defining an exterior concave surface configured to engage an inner surface of the mounting aperture when the fastener is inserted into the mounting aperture.

11. The fastener according to Claim 10 wherein said abutting flanges are coupled to said curved end member.

20 12. The fastener according to Claim 10 wherein said generally parallel members defines an aperture configured to allow inward compression of said abutting flanges.

25 13. The fastener according to Claim 10 further comprising a first pair of fingers configured to slidably accept a portion of the object.

14. The fastener according to Claim 13 wherein said body defines a centerline and said fingers comprise a surface oriented at between about 15° and 25° of said centerline.

30 15. The fastener according to Claim 13 further comprising a second pair of fingers configured to slidably accept a portion of said object.

16. The fastener according to Claim 15 wherein said second set of fingers defines a surface which is oriented at between about 50° and 60°.

5 17. The fastener according to Claim 13 wherein said fingers define a object engaging the tip portion.

18. The fastener according to Claim 15 wherein said second fingers comprise a tip portion capable of coupling said fingers to said object.

10 19. The fastener according to Claim 13 wherein said abutting flanges are disposed between said body and said aperture.

15 20. The fastener according to Claim 13 wherein said abutting flanges further comprise an exterior convex surface.

21. The fastener according to Claim 13 wherein said first fingers are deformable toward said body.